

Amendment to TOOL VENDING MACHINES AND METHOD THEREFORE  
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In the Claims:

1. (currently amended) A tool vending machine comprising:

a housing having a sidewall which encloses an internal chamber, a door mounted in said sidewall, said door being located within a door opening formed in said sidewall, said door being pivotally movable relative to said housing;

at least one first compartment located in said internal chamber;

at least one second compartment located in said internal chamber, said second compartment being larger in size than said first compartment;

~~moving means a drive mechanism~~ for moving said first compartment and said second compartment, said ~~moving means~~ drive mechanism being located within said internal chamber, said ~~moving means~~ drive mechanism to move said first compartment and said second compartment to be located directly adjacent said door to permit manual access into said compartment by opening of said door, only a single said compartment to be aligned with said door at a time;

a user interface tool selection means mounted on said sidewall, said user interface tool selection means to permit manual selection of either said first compartment or said second compartment to be moved in alignment with said door; and

baffle means mounted on said housing and located within said internal chamber, said baffle means to be movable to change size of said door opening so said door opening corresponds in size with the size of said compartment that is aligned with said door, whereby when a said compartment is aligned with said door and said door is opened a person

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is permitted to exact a tool contained within said compartment and only that compartment.

2.(original) The tool vending machine as defined in Claim 1 wherein:  
there being a plurality of said doors.

3.(canceled)

4.(original) The tool vending machine as defined in Claim 1 wherein:  
there being a plurality of said first compartments.

5.(canceled)

6.(original) The tool vending machine as defined in Claim 1 wherein:  
there being a plurality of said second compartments.

7.(canceled)

8.(currently amended) The tool vending machine as defined in Claim 1  
wherein:  
said moving means comprising baffle means being movable by a rack and  
pinion gear assembly.

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9.(original) The tool vending machine as defined in Claim 1 wherein:  
said baffle means comprising a pair of plates movable simultaneously in  
opposite directions.

10.(currently amended) The tool vending machine as defined in Claim 9  
wherein:

    said plates being mounted on said sidewall directly adjacent said door.

11.(currently amended) A tool vending machine comprising:  
    a bin carousel tray assembly that has a plurality of different size compartments,  
    said bin carousel tray assembly being mounted within an internal chamber of a housing;  
    a user interface tool selection means for selecting a compartment of said  
    compartments to be moved directly adjacent to and in alignment with a door mounted in said  
    housing; and

    a baffle assembly mounted in conjunction with said door, said door defining  
    an opening, said baffle assembly to automatically adjust size of said opening to correspond  
    to size of said compartment with it being understood that only a single said compartment can  
    be aligned with said door at a time, said baffle assembly comprising a plurality of plates.

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12.(original) The tool vending machine as defined in Claim 11 wherein:  
said bin carousel assembly comprising a plurality of carousels with each said  
bin carousel tray containing only compartments of a given size and where each said bin  
carousel contains a different size compartment.

13.(canceled)

14.(currently amended) The tool vending machine as defined in Claim [[13]]  
11 wherein:  
said plurality of plates actually comprising a pair of plates which are movable  
simultaneously in opposite directions.

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15.(currently amended) A method of automatically extracting a tool from a compartment with there being a plurality of different size compartments available comprising the steps of:

manually selecting the tool;

moving said compartments until a desired said compartment is located to be manually accessible through an opening formed in a housing which is normally closed by a door; and

automatically adjusting size of said opening to correspond to size of said compartment only permitting a user to extract said tool from that compartment and not permitting access to any directly adjacent compartment, said step of automatically adjusting is accomplished by moving a plate assembly to restrict or enlarge said opening.

16.(canceled)

17.(canceled)

18.(currently amended) The method as defined in Claim [[17]] 15 wherein the step of moving said plate assembly is accomplished by moving a pair of plates in opposite directions.